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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONSULTATIONS: FSO RICHARD M. GIBSON
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1. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COMBINE

GIBSON'S ACCOMPANIMENT OF THE GAO NARCOTICS REVIEW TEAM
WITH CONSULTATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL (INC)
PROGRAMS IN HONG KONG AND THAILAND.

2. FOR HONG KONG: GIBSON PLANS TO ARRIVE HONG KONG
AUGUST 14 AT 2055 VIA PAA 05 FROM SAN FRANCISCO. HE
WILL JOIN THE GAO TEAM THE FOLLOWING MORNING AND LEAVE
WITH THEM THAT AFTERNOON VIA CX741 AT 1515. WHILE IN
HONG KONG ON THE FIFTEENTH GIBSON WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS
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THE QUESTION OF DEA TRAINING IN MACAO AS WELL AS OTHER
ITEMS WHICH THE CONSULATE GENERAL MIGHT WISH. PLEASE
ARRANGE FOR A SINGLE ROOM AT THE HONG KONG HILTON THE
NIGHT OF AUGUST 14.

3. FOR BANGKOK: GIBSON PLANS TO ARRIVE WITH THE GAO

TEAM AUGUST 15 AT 1710 VIA CX 741 FROM HONG KONG, AND FLY

WITH THEM TO CHIANG MAI AUGUST 17 VIA TH141. THE GAO TEAM SELECTED THAILAND (AND SPECIFICALLY CHIANG MAI) TO VISIT PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THEIR INTEREST IN LOOKING AT CROP SUBSTITUTION/RURAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. THE DEPARTMENT (EA AND S/NM) IS ALSO INTERESTED IN PROGRESS ON THE PROPOSED BILATERAL MAE CHAM PROJECT, AND THE RTG-UNFDAC MASTER PLAN FOR NORTHERN THAILAND, AS WELL AS IN EXAMINING POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE KING'S HILLTRIBE PROJECT AS PROPOSED BY PRINCE PHISADEJ DURING HIS RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT. WE SUGGEST THAT AUGUST 16 MIGHT BE PROFITABLY SPENT BY HAVING THE GAO TEAM AND GIBSON MEET WITH EMBASSY, THAI, AND UNFDAC OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CROP SUBSTITUTION WORK IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR TRIP TO NORTHERN THAILAND. PLEASE RESERVE A SINGLE ROOM AT THE NEW IMPERIAL HOTEL FOR THE NIGHTS OF AUGUST 15-16.

4. FOR CHIANG MAI: AS NOTED IN PARA 3, BOTH THE GAO

TEAM AND GIBSON SHARE A PRIMARY INTEREST IN CROP SUBSTITUTION EFFORTS IN NORTHERN THAILAND. DURING THEIR THREE DAYS IN CHIANG MAI THE GAO MEMBERS HOPE TO VISIT A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CROP SUBSTITUTION SITES OF UNFDAC, KING'S HILLTRIBE PROJECT, USDA, AND THOSE CONNECTED WITH THE PROPOSED MAE CHAEM PROJECT. WHILE THE GAO TEAM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRAVELS TO RANGOON, GIBSON PLANS TO STAY IN CHIANG MAI

TO ATTEND AT LEAST THE OPENING SESSIONS OF THE AUGUST 21-24 THAI LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP AS PROPOSED IN MANILA 12107. PLEASE MAKE SINGLE ROOM RESERVATIONS AT THE PRINCE HOTEL.

5. FOR BANGKOK: GIBSON TENTATIVELY PLANS TO RETURN FROM CHIANG MAI TO BANGKOK AUGUST 22 VIA TH151 AND REJOIN THE GAO TEAM. HE WILL THEN DEPART BANGKOK ON AUGUST 25. DURING THAT PERIOD IN BANGKOK HE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS INC PROGRAM MATTERS, SUCH AS HELICOPTER

MAINTENANCE, THE TNPD FIVE YEAR TRAINING PLAN, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS. VANCE

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